

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 9-18, with the following amended paragraph:

At its most general, the present invention proposes supplying fluid simultaneously to both the extend and retract chambers of a double-acting differential actuators to maintain the pressurised fluid in both the chambers at substantially the same pressure. The mutual pressure is most preferably chosen to be sufficient to enable the actuator to support its load. Extension or retraction of the actuator rod may then be achieved simply by moving the pressurised fluid into/out-of the extend/retract chambers, or the retract/extend chambers, respectively.